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TAGS: ENRG, EG, IS, US
SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE ON
- ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION IN OCCUPIED EGYPTIAN
- TERRITORY

REF: CAIRO 11712

1. MFA LEGAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR NABIL ELARABY INFORMED
EMBOFF MAY 3 THAT HE HAD PREPARED FINAL VERSION OF LETTER
FROM FORMIN KAMEL TO SECRETARY VANCE ON APRIL 29 AND
SENT IT FORWARD FOR SIGNATURE SAME DAY. FONMIN WAS DUE
TO SIGN LETTER MAY 2 AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE DISPATCHED
BY POUCH TO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
FOR DELIVERY. ELARABY COULD NOT CONFIRM, HOWEVER,
THAT FORMIN HAD ACTUALLY SIGNED LETTER AS PLANNED.

2. ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS DRAFT, WHICH ELARABY SHOWED
EMBOFF (COPIES OF FINAL NOT AVAILABLE) LETTER CALLS
ATTENTION TO ISRAEL'S "SINISTER DESIGNS ON EGYPTIAN OIL"
AND NOTES THAT "TIMING OF ISRAELI MINISTER OF ENERGY'S
PRONOUNCEMENTS (PRESUMABLY MODA'S STATEMENT THAT
ISRAEL WANTS TO HOLD ON TO OIL FIELD INSUEZ GULF
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AS PART OF FINAL TREATY) AND FAR-REACHING DIMENSIONS OF
ITS ACTIVITIES COULD WELL UNDERMINE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT." AS FIRST STEP TO COUNTER ISRAELI
ACTION EGYPTIANS REGISTERED POSITION WITH UN
(IN LETTER FROM KAMEL TO WALDHEIM OF APRIL 4, 1978).
DRAFT KAMEL/VANCE LETTER REJECTS ALL ISRAELI CLAIMS
"WHICH AIM AT JUSTIFYING ISRAELI ENROACHMENTS AND SERIOUS

VIOLATIONS OF EGYPT'S TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY." LETTER
CALLS ON USG TO TAKE "RENEWED EFFORTS WITH A VIEW TO
DISCOURAGING ISRAEL FROM FURTHER PURSUING IRRESPONSIBLE
AND ILLEGAL COURSE." USG ALSO ASKED TO ADVISE AMERICAN
OIL COMPANIES OF "ILLEGALITY OF THEIR PARTICIPATION OR
COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL IN EXPLOITING NATURAL RESOURCES
IN OCCUPIED EGYPTIAN TERRITORIES." GOE RESERVES RIGHT
TO DEMAND (FROM THOSE COMPANIES "FULL COMPENSATION FOR
DAMAGES RESULTING FROM SUCH COOPERATION WITH ILLEGAL
ISRAELI ACTIVITIES."

3. ELARABY NOTED THAT SOME SMALL CHANGES HAD BEEN MADE
IN TEXT WHEN PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT MAJOR
SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS REMAINED AS DESCRIBED. WOULD
APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF AND WHEN LETTER IS DELIVERED
TO DEPARTMENT BY EGYPTIAN EMBASSY. EILTS

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